

Chapter Two

Building Today For A Better Tomorrow

"Our Mountain Home So Dear"

After President Abram Hatch had served faithfully as a bishop and as President of the Wasatch Stake for nearly 33 years, William H. Smart was called to succeed him as the new Stake President. Two years later, he undertook the first extensive reorganization of wards in the Heber Valley.

Creation of Three Wards in Wasatch Stake

Elder Matthew Cowley of the Council of Twelve Apostles presided at the quarterly conference of the Wasatch Stake, conducted on February 8, 1903 in the Stake Tabernacle. President William H. Smart conducted the meeting, assisted by his counselors, Joseph R. Murdock and James C. Jensen. The Heber East and Heber West Wards were disorganized and divided into three wards.

Robert Duke was called as Bishop of the Heber First Ward; Joseph A. Rasband called as Bishop of the Heber Second Ward; and Frederick Crook as Bishop of the Heber Third Ward.

At the same time, Midway was divided into two wards, presided over by William Francom and Jacob Probst. Upper Daniel and Buysville were joined to create the Daniel Ward. Elkhorn and Riverdale were annexed to the Heber Second Ward. Nymphas C. Murdock was called as the first Bishop of the Charleston, Utah Ward.

The Priesthood leadership met jointly on March 8, 1903 to discuss the boundaries pertaining to the three new wards. It was unanimously decided to let Bishop Joseph A. Rasband remain as the bishop of the Heber Second Ward, even though his home was on the east side of the Main Street dividing line. The Heber Second Ward boundary was established around Bishop Rasband's home and Second South (the *Southern* limit). *Westward* it extended to the Provo River and *North* as far as there were inhabitants (both east and west of the city limits).

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